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Attorney Docket No. Y0999-276 (8728-299)

First Inventor or Application Identifier Coffman et al.

Title Method and System for Determining

Express Mail Label No. EL192803851US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages 34]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
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 b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
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 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
 - * Small Entity Statement filed in prior application, (PTO/SB/09-12)
 - 13. Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
 - 14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

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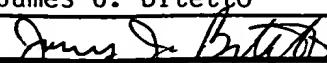
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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. YO999-276 (8728-299)
Date: August 13, 1999
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Daniel L. Coffman, Popani Gopalakrishnan, Ganesh N. Ramaswamy, Jan Kleindienst
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING AND MAINTAINING DIALOG FOCUS IN A CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH SYSTEM

Enclosed are: [X] 25 sheets of specification; [X] 1 sheet(s) of Abstract; [X] 8 sheet(s) of claims; [X] 4 sheet(s) of drawing(s);

- [] An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation with Recordation Form.
[] Declaration and Power of Attorney.
[] A certified copy of a _____ application, from which priority under Title 35 USC §119 is claimed.
[X] Associate Power of Attorney.

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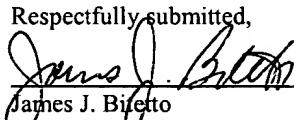
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity
Fee Fee Fee Fee Fee Description

Code (\$)	Fee	Code (\$)	Fee	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	760	201	380	Utility filing fee	760	
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee		
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee		
108	760	208	380	Reissue filing fee		
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee		

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 760

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
25	-20** = 5	x 18	= 90
Independent Claims 3	-3** = 0	x 78	= 0
Multiple Dependent		260	

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	78	209	39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

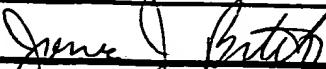
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